

# NEURO-ONCOLOGY

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## SOCIETY NEWS

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### *Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network Launched*

With generous philanthropic support, the Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network (CERN) has been formed to focus research efforts on this rare tumor and, through international collaborations, to acquire sufficient tumor material for analysis, accrue patients for clinical trials, and promote progress against adult and/or pediatric ependymoma. With coordinating centers at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center (under Mark Gilbert) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (under Richard Gilbertson), CERN encompasses an additional nine clinical centers in the United States and Canada to maximize patient access, and has the potential to add more centers to extend this benefit. Projects range from studying stem cell biology and generating ependymoma mouse models to profiling tumor tissues, identifying molecular drug targets, and developing targeted drugs, to creating a clinical trials network to quickly capitalize on findings.

Additional information is available at [www.cern-foundation.org](http://www.cern-foundation.org).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### *Perspectives in Central Nervous System Malignancies IV* *March 28–29, 2008* *Berlin, Germany*

Perspectives in Central Nervous System Malignancies IV is designed to provide a detailed overview of the state-of-the-art management of gliomas in adults, discuss current trends and controversies, and identify significant developments that may lead to improved results. Preeminent neuro-oncologists, radiation oncologists, and neurosurgeons from Europe and North America will discuss imaging techniques, surgical techniques, chemotherapy and radiotherapy options, challenges in management of secondary metastases, and quality-of-life issues related to treatment. The chairpersons, who have over 40 years of combined experience in CNS oncology, are internationally recognized as being among the leading experts in the field. More than 600 professionals attended Perspectives in CNS Malignancies III in 2007.

For more information, contact Cortney Bailey at (770) 751–7332, or visit [www.imedex.com/announcements/313.asp](http://www.imedex.com/announcements/313.asp).

### *Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology* *April 12–19, 2008* *Chicago, IL*

The AAN Annual Meeting, one of the world's largest gatherings of neurology professionals, brings together more than 10,000 neurologists and neuroscientists to share groundbreaking research and participate in a comprehensive curriculum-based educational program. The AAN Annual Meeting Education Program features directors and faculty who are leaders in their fields in more than 20 general and specialty topics. More than 170 programs provide an array of programming options: full-day and half-day courses; breakfast, luncheon, dinner, and after-dinner seminars; workshops; and kick-off, case study, therapy programs, and coding lunches.

The AAN Annual Meeting Science Program has long been a leading showcase for the latest developments in scientific research and the place to honor peers at the forefront of this work.

Opportunities in neuroscience include:

- Scientific Program Abstracts—groundbreaking scientific program featuring more than 1,600 abstracts on over 20 topics in clinical and basic science research.
- Plenary Sessions—five premier plenary sessions feature lectures by esteemed investigators discussing critical advances in neuroscience.
- Scientific Topic Highlights—highlights present the best research in select neurological topics from over 1,600 scientific poster and platform presentations.
- Late-Breaking Science—the most current research by neurologists, neuroscientists, and other eligible researchers whose work is of major scientific importance or interest and warrants expedited presentation and publication.
- Future of Neuroscience Conference: Neural Repair—a daylong scientific symposium that appeals to both clinical neurologists and neuro-

scientists. The program will feature invited speakers in the field as well as relevant abstracts.

- Integrated Neuroscience—an expansive look at autism, epilepsy genetics, tropical neurology, mitochondria in diseases, and new methods in imaging, stroke imaging, and emerging therapies.

For more information, contact Lynn Ellen Smith at (651) 695-2756, or visit [www.aan.com/am](http://www.aan.com/am).

***Thirteenth Biennial Canadian Neuro-Oncology Meeting***

***May 16–18, 2008***

***Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, Alberta, Canada***

Abstracts presented at this meeting will be published in the *Canadian Journal of the Neurological Sciences*. The scientific program will encompass basic science, medical neuro-oncology, radiation neuro-oncology, pediatric neuro-oncology, and quality of life/epidemiology. The deadline for registration is April 30.

For more information, contact Joan Sweeney at (403) 220 8458 or [sweeney@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sweeney@ucalgary.ca), or access the program PDF online at [files.myweb.med.ucalgary.ca/files/132/files/unprotected/NeuroOncology\\_2008.pdf](http://files.myweb.med.ucalgary.ca/files/132/files/unprotected/NeuroOncology_2008.pdf).

***Thirteenth International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology, affiliated with the Society for Neuro-Oncology***

***June 30–July 2, 2008***

***Chicago, IL***

This meeting (Stewart Goldman, M.D., and Tadanori Tomita, M.D., course directors), welcomes oncologists, neurosurgeons, radiation oncologists, neurologists, nurses, basic researchers, neuro-pathologists, neuro-radiologists, endocrinologists, psychologists, social workers, research associates, and other health care providers involved in the care of children with central nervous system tumors. Attendees are encouraged to register early and secure their rooms at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile at a special conference rate of \$195 per night, which includes free Internet access as well as a complimentary welcome package from the ISPNO local committee. The Marriott is located in the heart of Chicago on Michigan Avenue, steps from hundreds of upscale shops, restaurants, and attractions. ISPNO begins with a Pre-Symposium Education Day on Sunday, June 29.

For more information, visit [www.ispno.com](http://www.ispno.com).

***Eighth Congress of the European Association for Neuro-Oncology***

***September 12–14, 2008***

***Barcelona, Spain***

The Eighth Congress of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO) will take place under the auspices of the Spanish Group of NeuroOncol-

ogy (GENO). The GENO was founded in 1999 under the multidisciplinary spirit of the EANO. The local organizing committee is already working hard with the EANO to provide the best postgraduate course for the first day of the congress and an attractive scientific program that will cover the most important topics of the field in main symposia, meet-the-expert sessions, and keynote lectures. As usual, an interdisciplinary spirit will be the basis of the congress. Colleagues from all neuro-oncological disciplines including the basic sciences, neuropathology, neurology, neurosurgery, neuroimaging, nursing, and medical, pediatric, and radiation oncology are invited to participate actively in the oral and poster presentations.

For more information, contact Yannis Roussos at phone +43-1-4051383-0 or visit [www.eano.eu](http://www.eano.eu).

***SNO 2008***

***November 20–23, 2008***

***Lake Las Vegas Resort, Las Vegas, NV***

***World Federation of Neuro-Oncology 2009***

***May 11–14, 2009***

***Pacifico Yokohama, Japan***

On behalf of Prof. Masao Matsutani and organizers of the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology, we are pleased to announce plans for the Third Quadrennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology, in conjunction with the Sixth Meeting of the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology.

Additional information is available online at [wfno2009.umin.ne.jp](http://wfno2009.umin.ne.jp) or through the meeting secretariat:

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